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I further authorize and empower my United States attorneys, GREENBERG TRAURIG LLP, to receive and act upon all instructions provided to them by my the following agents EUROPATENT-EUROMARK Srl with respect to all matters relating to the filing, prosecution, abandonment, or issuance of the above-described U.S. patent application including all divisional, continuing, or other related applications. GREENBERG TRAURIG LLP may continue to follow all instructions received from the agents until notified in writing to the contrary.

Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION  
(WITH AUTHORIZATION RE AGENT)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "HIGHLY FLEXIBLE THIN AGGLOMERATE SHEETS OR PANELS AND PROCESS AND PLANT FOR PRODUCTION OF THE SAME" the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application of which priority is claimed.

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>Priority Claimed?</b>
VR2002A000035	ITALY	11 April 2002	YES

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 or 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<b>Application Serial No.</b>	<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
PCT/IT03/00225	11 April 2003	Pending

I hereby declare: All statements of my own knowledge are true, and I believe that all statements made on information and belief are true. I make these statements with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued on the application.

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) — Small Business Concern**

I declare that I am the owner or an officer of the small business concern identified below, and I am empowered to act on its behalf:

Name of Concern: STONE ITALIANA SPA  
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I declare that this small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. § 41(a) and (b), in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

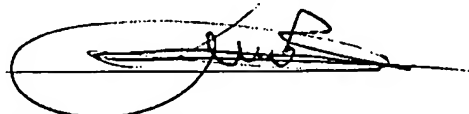
I declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to this invention, which is described in the specification filed with this declaration.

The rights held by this small business concern are exclusive.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b))

I declare that all statements made in this document of my own knowledge are true. I believe all statements made on information and belief are true. I make these statements with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing from the application.

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